

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks and the above amendments. This response is believed to fully address all issues raised in the Office Action mailed May 12, 2008. Furthermore, no new matter is believed to have been introduced hereby.

Claims 1, 7, 13, and 19-29 were previously pending.

Claims 1, 7, 20, and 23 have been amended.

According, claims 1, 7, 13, and 19-29 remain pending.

Initially, the undersigned attorney would like to thank Examiner Wilson for allowing claims 13, 25-27, and 29.

35 USC §§102 and 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Heddes (U.S. Patent No. 5311509).

Claims 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heddes (U.S. Patent No. 5,311,509) in view of Chuissi (U.S. Patent No. 5,689,500).

Claim 28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heddes (U.S. Patent No. 5,311,509) in view of Larsen (U.S. Patent No. 6157514).

Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed since the cited art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the claimed combination of features such as set forth in any of the pending claims.

Without limiting the scope of embodiments of the invention, only in an effort to impart precision to the claims (e.g., by more particularly pointing out embodiments of the invention, rather than to avoid prior art), and merely to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to in part recite substantially the language of allowable claim 20 and amended independent claim 7 to in part recite substantially the language of allowable claim 23.

Accordingly, all pending independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Also, all pending dependent claims should be allowable for at least similar reasons as their respective independent claims, as well as additional or alternative elements that are recited therein but not shown in the cited prior art.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (720-840-6740) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4238.

Respectfully submitted,

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